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10./589932 CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 20 February 2004 PCT/EP2005/050655 **15 February 2005** TITLE OF INVENTION FILLABLE CUSHION AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A CUSHION APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Walter SCHOBER et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. [X] An Unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [X] A preliminary amendment. 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76 15. [] A substitute specification. 16. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

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19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

August 18, 2006

Date of Signature

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'd PCT/PTO 18 AUG 2006 U.S. APPLICATION 50819 9-9-3 2 R. 1.5) ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2005/050655 P/3240-115 20. [X] 6 Sheets of Drawings; EFS Form: postcard; Copy of 1st page of publication; English translations of Specification, PTO-1449 with 12 References, International Search Report PCT/EP2005/050655 dated 24 January 2006 (European Patent Office). The following fees have been submitted CALCULATION PTO USE ONLY 21. [X] Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))......\$300 \$300.00 22. [X] Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) \$200.00 If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions All other situations.....\$200 23. [X] Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) \$400.00 If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination Report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority......\$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB......\$400 All other situations.....\$500 \$900.00 TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets \$ (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Number of each additional 50 or RATE **Total Sheets** Extra sheets fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) - 100 = /50 =x \$250 \$ Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or \$ declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). **CLAIMS** NUMBER FILED **NUMBER EXTRA RATE** \$ **Total Claims** \$1,000.00 40-20 =20 x \$ 50 2 \$400.00 5 - 3 =x \$200 **Independent Claims** MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) \$ + \$360TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$900.00 [] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL = \$2,300.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from \$ the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$2,300.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be \$ accompanied by the appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$2,300.00 Amount to be S refunded: Amount to be

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a. [X] A check (check number $\frac{3}{3}$) in the amount of \$2,300.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 15-0700 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Robert C. Faber, Esq. OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP Robert C. Faber 1180 Avenue of the Americas **NAME** New York, New York 10036-8402 24,322 Telephone: (212) 382-0700 REGISTRATION NUMBER

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